

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. For purposes of expedition, claims 1, 3, 8, 15, 24 and 27 have been amended in several particulars for purposes of clarity and to place the application in condition for allowance.

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner's several courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during an in-person Office Interview conducted on February 27, 2007 are noted with appreciation. During that the Interview, the Examiner and his SPE suggested amending base claim 1 to replace "an apparatus" with --a processor-- to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101, and amending base claims 1, 8, 15, 24 and 27 to distinguish between "a copyright owner of the original content" and "a maker (remake owner, or user) of the remake content" to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(c) in view of Katz et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,926,624. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, base claims 1, 8, 15, 24 and 27 have been amended in the manner suggested in order to overcome the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for reasons stated on pages 2-4 of the Office Action (Paper No. 20070116); the rejection of claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz '624 in view of Fuchigami et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,960,398; the rejection of claims 17, 18, 24, 25 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz '624, in view of Bersson, U.S. Patent No. 6,081,897; and the rejection of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz '624 and Bersson '897, as applied to claims 17, 18, 24 and 27, an in further view of Fuchigami et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,960,398. As amended, claims 1-27 are believed to be distinguishable over the cited prior art of record, including Katz et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,926,624; Fuchigami et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,960,398; and Bersson, U.S. Patent No. 6,081,897.

As discussed during the Interview, Applicants pointed out that there is **no** disclosure from Katz '624 or other prior art references of Applicants' efforts to record on or reproduce from a recording medium: (1) remake content based on at least one original content, as shown in FIG. 1; and (2) copyright information, as shown in FIG. 1, including both (a) original copyright information to identify at least a copyright owner of the original content, and (b) remake copyright

information to identify at least a maker of the remake content, as shown in FIG. 4, which can ensure copyright protection of the original content, while securing the personal use rights of an individual user on the original content, as generally defined in Applicants' base claims 1, 8, 15, 24 and 27.

However, the Examiner contended that the "remake copyright information to identify at least a maker of the remake content" could be broadly interpreted to read on the "original copyright information to identify at least a copyright owner of the original content." However, the Examiner acknowledged features of Applicants' disclosed invention, as evidenced in the Examiner Interview Summary (Paper No. 20070227) dated on February 27, 2007, in which the Examiner indicated that,

"In regards to the 101 rejections, current 101 rejections on claim 1 can be overcome with proposed suggestions of replacing the apparatus with a processor and eliminate the use of the word "cause the apparatus". In regards to 102 rejections, independent claims 1, 8, 15, 24 and 27 need to be amended to distinguish between the copyright owner of the original and the remake owner (i.e., user). If amended the claims may overcome previous rejections. However, an updated search would need to be conducted."

In view of the Examiner's suggestion, base claims 1, 8, 15, 24 and 27 have been amended to distinguish between the copyright owner of the original content and the remake owner (i.e., user) in order to overcome all outstanding rejections and to place all claims in condition for allowance.

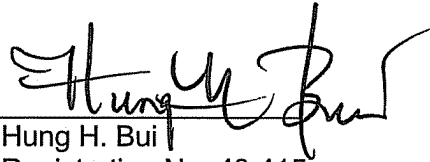
In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at the Washington DC office at (202) 216-9505 ext: 232. Applicants respectfully reserve all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any or all previously claimed limitations/features which have been amended or canceled, or to any or all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicants have no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of the disclosed invention to the public.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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